



Letters from Whatcom Lodge No. 151

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Whatcom Notice: Brothers we will be visiting Evergreen Assembly #17 on Thursday, September 7th, in lieu of our regular 1st Thursday location. We gather for dinner with them at 6 pm at the Ferndale Masonic Center. Please, come and join us in our support of our Rainbow Girls. *VW Terrell Goertz, WM*

August Special Communication...Thursday the 3rd.

Lodge was opened on the 3rd Degree at 6:30 P.M. by VW Craig Bruner who said that the purpose of this Special Communication was to share fraternalism.

Visitors: Bro. Ryan Hoffman, Grand Praire #105, Alberta, BC given a hearty welcome

Tyler: The Tyler was invited to Tile the outer door and Tyle from the doorway of the Lodge room.

Minutes: The minutes of the previous meetings were not read, having been previously approved.

Communications: Masonic Service items including Short Talk Bulletin.

Donation Jar: The food donation jar contained \$200.00.

Masonic Education: VW Craig Bruner read a short excerpt from his last District Meeting Address about the need to work on the knitting the District Lodge together. VW Craig then read a composition called "Washing the Dishes". It was pretty interesting to have it pointed out not to stack the dishes and utensils tightly, so they won't get stuck together by their residual goo. Lastly, Craig showed a video about the 'Friend to Friend' monument at the Battle of Gettysburg Park, very humbling.

Announcements: An opportunity for announcements was given. In particular Ted Schuman gave a plug for the Lodge BBQ in August at Ted and Penny's residence—see newsletter for details. And RSVP

This coming Saturday is the Outdoor Third Degree at the Masonic Park near Granite Falls, WA.

Sickness and relief: WB Chris Bonner suffered a small stroke but is now back at home and recovering nicely. He is very thin now as a result of his medical situation.

The purpose for which this Special Communication having been completed, Lodge was closed in Due Form by PTM VW Craig Bruner at 7:43 P.M. / P. & H. P.

PS Note: There were 12 W-151 brothers in attendance and 1 visitors.

Secretary — 'Country' John Browne,

contact info on page 4



Whatcom Lodge 151 meets on the 1st (special) and 3rd (stated-business) Thursdays of each month.

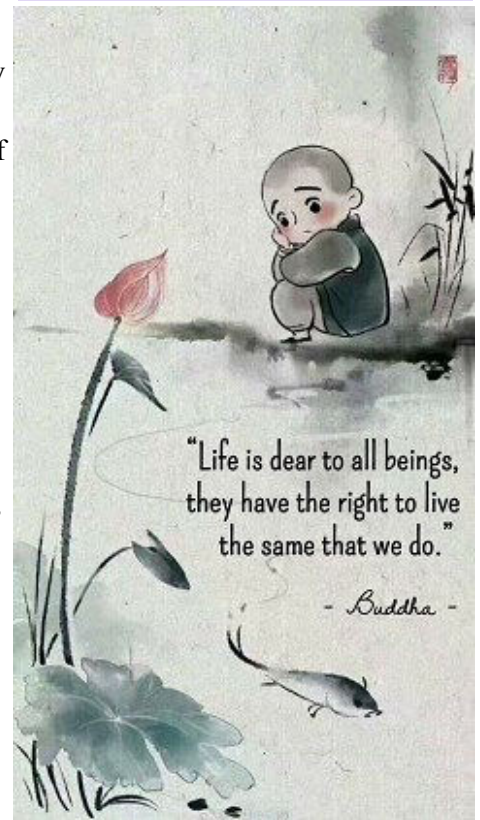
Whatcom Lodge emphasizes Masonic heritage and ritual proficiency. We are proud to support our Masonic Youth organizations and encourage members to practice charity outside the lodge. It is our intention to promote individuals to build their own strong moral and spiritual temples.

Stated Meeting Dates of the District Ten Lodges

Sep 1st Bellingham Bay - 7 pm

Sep 14th Lynden/Ferndale Int. Lodge
opens at 7 pm.

Sep 21st Whatcom Lodge - meeting
opens at 6:30 pm.



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August Stated Communication...Thursday, August 17th, 2023

Lodge was opened on the 3rd Degree at 6:30 P.M. by VW Terrell Goertz who said that the purpose of this Stated Communication was to conduct the regular business of the Lodge.

Visitors: None

Tyler: The Tyler was invited to Tile the outer door and Tyle from the doorway of the Lodge room.

Minutes: The minutes of the previous meetings were not read, having been previously approved.

Communications: Masonic Service items including Short Talk Bulletin.

Finance Report: We are doing well with \$31,750.83 in checking at 2:50 pm 8/17/2023. Whatcom 151's *Edward Jones Inv. Portfolio* was valued at \$920,534 at 2.31 pm on 7/19/2023, in June it was valued at \$893,440.70 and in May at \$874,560.62. Cash portion is now at \$1,126.29.

Donation Jar: meal donations \$229.00.

Bills: W #3447 in amt of \$90.41 to Bill Kappele for Dinner-kitchen expenses (ck #1623); ; W #3449 in amt of \$20.92 to JW Bruce Smith for Dinner (ck #1627); W #3450 in amt of \$221.52 for the Lodge BBQ on 8/12/2023, (ck #1628);

Pre authorized: W# 3446 in amt of \$350.00 to Scottish Rite for Inv #1767 August Rent (ck #1625); W#3448 in amt of \$230.00 to Sec'y John Browne for August records, mileage & Internet exp. reimbursement (ck #1629).

It was moved by Don Higerson, 2nd by Ted Schuman to pay the bills, the motion was **approved**.

Balloting: The Petition for readmittance to Lodge membership by Bro Joe Hayes. The Investigation Report was *Full and Favorable* and the result of the ballot was *Fair, Clear & Bright*. Brother Joe Hayes was brought into lodge and given a hearty welcome back.

Election of Officers: Our annual election of officers had the following results: WM = Terrell Goertz, SW = Bruce Smith, JW = Ken Peck, Trea. = Ted Schuman and Sec'y = John Browne.

Masonic Education: VW Terrell presented a very interesting account of how Jules Verne's novel 20,000 Leagues under the Seas, contains many Masonic illusions. Most of which were removed by the early translation into English by a Masonic Brother. This brother apparently thought the illusions were too revealing. A 1999 Translation restored the material which were left out of the Disney movie.

VW Terrell also made a presentation on the topic of '*Freedom of Thought*' which is key to our Masonic belief system.

Masonic Youth: Thom Baughn gave his usual fine report on our Masonic Youth. The then proposed that Whatcom Lodge take it's September Communication as a opportunity to make a visitation to Rainbow Assembly 17. After discussion Thom proposed it as a motion, 2nd by Sec'y John Browne, with the lodge providing dinner, the motion was **approved**.



Grand Master's Charity: VW Craig Bruner gave a presentation on the Grand Master's Charity to raise money for Masonic Educational Scholarship. He moved that Whatcom Lodge purchase 4 tickets at \$100 each, 2nd by Sec'y John Browne...after discussion a vote was taken and the motion was **approved**.

Announcements: An opportunity for announcements was given. VW Craig Bruner announced that the Dist. Ten Meeting is scheduled for 11am on January 20th, 2024.

DDGM: VW Craig Bruner gave greetings from the Grand Master and read a Letter regarding the devastating fires in Hawaii and noted how brothers could assist.

The purpose for which this Special Communication having been completed, Lodge was closed in Due Form by PTM VW Terrell Goertz at **8:20 P.M.** / P. & H. P.

PS Note: There were **19** W-151 brothers in attendance.

(← 'Love is a canvas furnished by Nature and embroidered by imagination' - Br. Voltaire)



Letter from the Grand Lodge

Greetings Masonic Family,

As we are sure you have heard, in addition to the devastating wildfires that have destroyed Maui, right here in Washington we are experiencing significant tragedy from wildfires as they devastate the lives of countless residents in the area just west of Spokane. Businesses, citizens, and members of our Masonic Family have lost everything.

During these challenging times, let us come together as a united and resilient Masonic community. We stand in solidarity with our Brothers and their loved ones who may be grappling with loss, displacement, or uncertainty. In the true spirit of Freemasonry, let us extend our hands and hearts to offer support wherever it is needed. While material possessions can be rebuilt, the emotional wounds caused by such events can linger. Together, we can be beacons of light for each other, providing comfort, compassion, and assistance as we are able.

We must continue to live by our Masonic values, supporting one another with unwavering strength and compassion. In unity, we will overcome this trial and emerge even stronger, for that is the essence of our Brotherhood. "These generous principles extend further, for every human being has a claim upon your kind offices." As the dedicated charitable arm of our Grand Lodge, Washington Masonic Services (WAMS) is creating a fund to support those impacted by the fires west of Spokane (<http://weblink.donorperfect.com/easternwafires>). Our WAMS case managers are also seeking to contact Masons in the area to offer their assistance.

Remember the promise you made as an Entered Apprentice Mason, and please contribute as much as necessity requires, and your ability permits.

Fraternally and respectfully,

MWB Steve C Martin
Grand Master
Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Washington

Megan Ferland
Executive Director
Washington Masonic Services

Notice

Yelm Lodge, No. 244 will be merging with Harmony Lodge, No. 18 in September. Yelm Lodge has several items available for any Lodge which may need them. Please see the attached link to photos of the items available. If your Lodge is interested in any of these items, please contact WB Douglas Cabrera at douglas.cabrera@gmail.com.
<https://hidrive.ionos.com/share/nqnv7-0jc>

From the Grand Secretary

Brethren,
The Washington Masonic Code has been updated to reflect the legislation passed at the 2023 Annual Communication. The updates and full version of the Code can be found under Resources/Master Mason on Grand View. A hard copy of the updates will be sent out to each Lodge Secretary later in September.

Fraternally,
Clinton M. Brown,
Jr.
Grand
Secretary

live in
the sunshine.
swim in the sea.
drink the
wild air.

-emerson



BMC = Bellingham Masonic Center on W. Maplewood ; FMC = Ferndale Masonic Center;
 FHMC = Friday Harbor Masonic Center; NMC = Nooksack Masonic Center; SRH = Scottish Rite Hall

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	31	1 BB # 44 State Comm at 7 pm	2
3	4 Hesperus Com-mandry #8 at 7:30pm <i>Labor Day</i>	5	6 Scottish Rite V of B At 7 pm	7 W 151 spl –visiting Rainbow Assembly at the Ferndale Masonic Ctr at 6 pm	8	9
10	11 NWSC dinner at Rustlers in Lynden at 6 pm <i>Patriot Day</i>	12 NWSC dinner at Rustlers in Lynden at 6 pm.	13 York Rite Council 16. Din at 6:30 & lodge at 7:30 pm at B/U Lodge in Sedro Woolley.	14 LFI # 56 Stated at 7 pm.	15	16 <i>Rosh Hashana</i>
17	18	19 Masonic Lunch at Rusty Wagon, meet at 11:30 am.	20	21 W 151 Stated, dinner at 5:30 pm mtg at 6:30 pm.	22 BB 44 Special <i>1st Day of Autumn</i>	23
24 <i>Yom Kippur</i>	25 Royal Arch. Din at 6:30 & lodge at 7:30 pm. At Anacortes Lodge.	26	27	28	29	30



**Widows & Orphans Fund
for District No. 1**

If you would like to know more about the W & O Fund contact one of the officers listed below.

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